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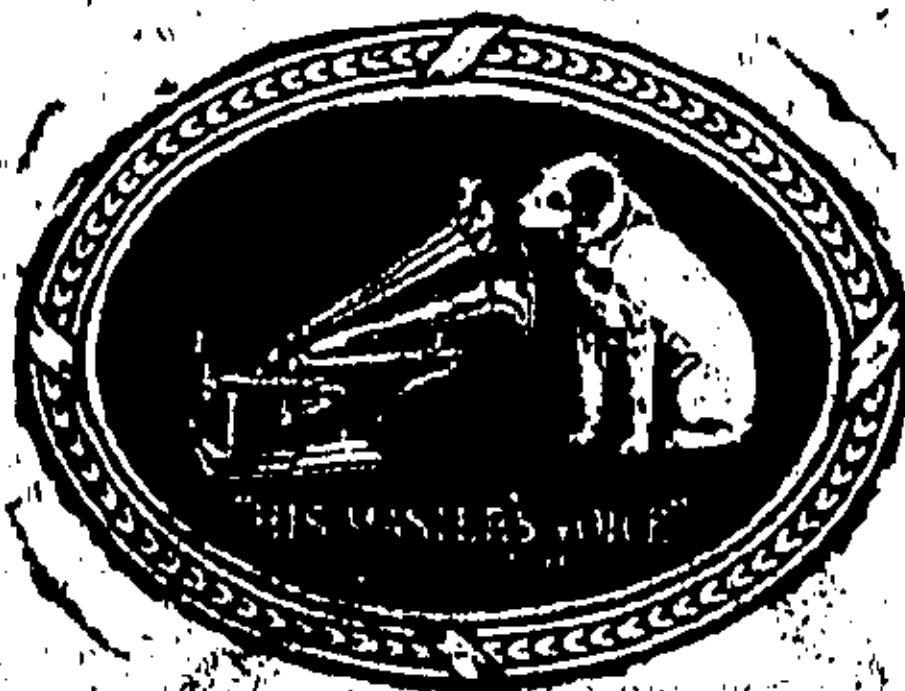
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JOSEPH CONRAD DEAD.

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HOW HUMANITY APPEALED TO HIM.

A Martyr To Gout.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 3.
The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Conrad, the novelist, in his sixty-eighth year.



Joseph Conrad was born in 1857 in the Ukraine, his full name being Joseph Theodore Conrad Korzeniowski. He went to sea at an early age, became a master in the English merchant service, and shortly after retiring, published his first novel "Almayer's Folly" in 1895. This was followed by "An Outcast of the Islands," "The Nigger of the 'Narcissus,'" "Lord Jim," "Youth," "The Heart of Darkness," "Typhoon" and other stories. Though Mr. Conrad did not learn English till he was twenty he was a master of style. In actuality he approached Kipling, and he was unsurpassed as a novelist of the sea; but it was due to his insight into the secret places of the mind and to his power of interpreting the inmost life that he stood in the front rank of modern European novelists. Among his later works are "Chance," "A Personal Record," "The Shadow Line," "The Arrow of God," "Victory," "The Rescue," and "The Rover."

CONRAD'S EAST.

It is more than thirty years since Conrad left the East for good and all—his last sight of it was at Colombo in 1890 on his way home after he resigned the command of the s.s. "Otogo." "Almayer's Folly," his first book, was not published till 1895. Inevitably the memory of those distant times turned into a source of inspiration. His descriptions of the East have a kind of symbolic force. Conrad's contact with it was not that of a passing traveller. What he saw, he saw as part of his daily life, in the course of his professional work, associated with the realities and problems of his calling. And that is why, in his masterly, his general, his general descriptions, have a stronger actuality after his many years' absence than the detailed accounts of yesterday's globe-trotter. Conrad's East is fabulous only in the sense that there is something fabulous about the East: in every other respect it is solidly realistic.

Many writers have staged their novels in different parts of the world without conveying any kind of atmosphere, but Conrad not only displays in his prose the very splendor and darkness of the East, but he reveals its effect upon the character of the white man and gives it, as you might say, a philosophic significance. Whether he be successful in his reading of Easterners is difficult to be sure of—who is to be the judge?—but certainly his Malays appear to have a convincing actuality, which, if more the result of intuitive observation than of long experience, is, at any rate, all of a piece.

In spite of what some people may think, Conrad was much more concerned with humanity than with nature, and the gorgeous, sombre settings of his Eastern books are not put there as a tour de force, but as something to help with the problems that are being unravelled in their midst. Conrad's writing is eloquent, but it is not eloquent for the mere sake of eloquence.

CONRAD AT HOME.

A close friend of the dead novelist, some two years ago, wrote the following of Mr. Conrad's home life:—

Mr. Joseph Conrad has now lived for more than twenty years in Kent and I have often heard him say that nothing would induce him to leave it for any other English county. His present home is four miles out of Canterbury, and from the windows of his study, where he does all his work, he looks out across his lawn upon a park which slopes upward to a fringe of trees that cut the horizon.

For some years past gout in his hands—he has been a martyr to gout ever since that voyage up the Congo in the early '90s—has made sustained writing troublesome to him, and the first draft of all his novels is now dictated. He then works over the typescript, rewriting and condensing, and the second typescript is made from what appears almost like an original manuscript. His hours for composition are between breakfast and lunch, and as he works the idea grows upon him, elaborating and elaborating itself from what, in its inception, is sometimes hardly more than a single image.

Never was there a less "bookish" author than Mr. Conrad. If you want to talk to him about his works he is quite prepared to talk, with the sort of courtesy that always assumes that you have understood his intentions; on the other hand, he would probably rather talk to you about your own affairs or about life in general or about the sea.

Although widely read in various languages, both in literature, memoirs, travel, history, and certain technical subjects, the truth is that what appeals to him most is humanity. Consequently, he is entirely free from the self-conscious egotism of some great artists.

It is extremely arresting to hear Mr. Conrad discuss the work of other writers, both past and present, for though his criticism is very clear-eyed, yet his tastes are wonderfully catholic.

He finds intense pleasure in Dickens, Maupassant, Flaubert, Anatole France, Turgenev, the sea yarns of Cooper and Marryat, some of the novels of Henry James, Stephen Crane, and many another.

His knowledge of Napoleonic times, both from contemporary memoirs and military and naval history, is profound and is proving invaluable to him in the two novels on which he is at present engaged. The shorter of the two, which is nearly finished and is really in the nature of a long short

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ONE MACHINE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED.

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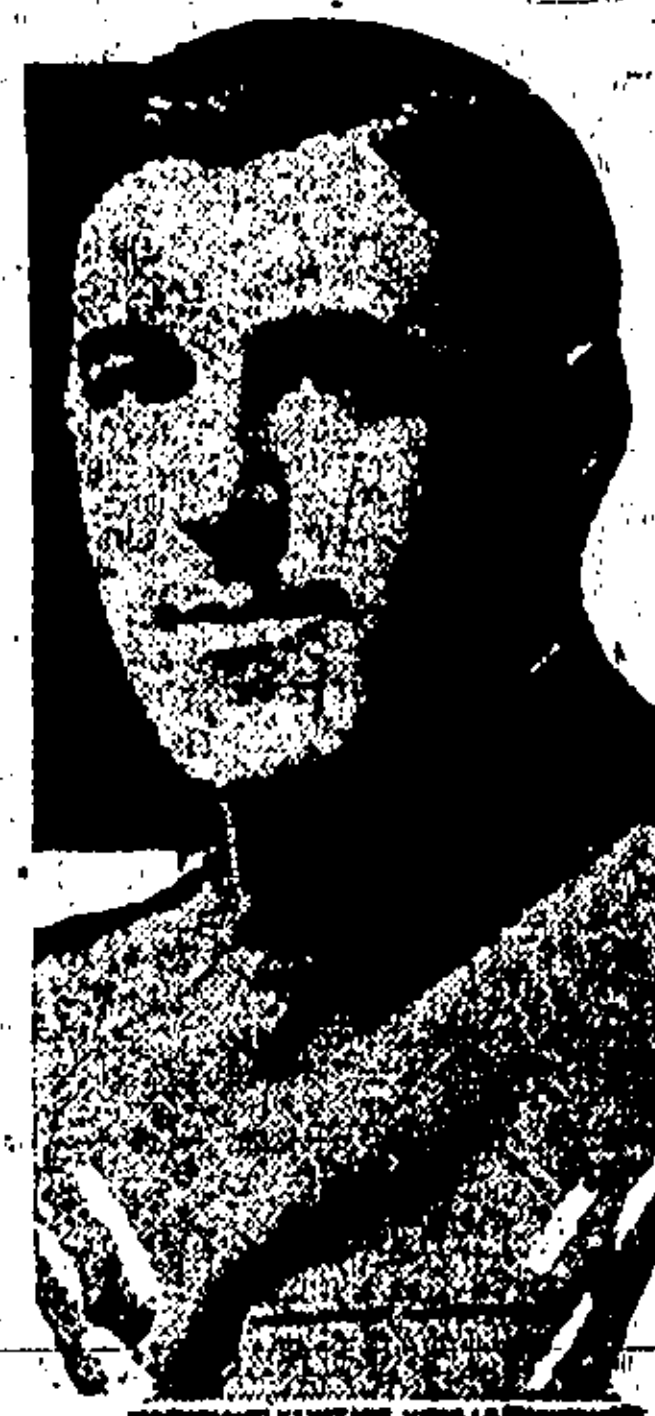
(Reuter's Service.)

Kirkwall, August 3.
Lieutenant Wade, the American world flier was forced to descend 115 miles off the Orkneys.

Reinjavik, August 3.
Lieutenant Wade has been found with his machine, the engine of which was only slightly damaged. The machine will be able to re-start very shortly.

ENCOUNTER RAIN AND FOG.
HARNA FIORD, August 3.

Captain Lowell-Smith, the leader of the squadron, and Lieutenant Wade encountered rain, squall and fog. The former has arrived here, but the latter was forced to descend onto the sea midway between here and Scapa Flow. His machine was taken in tow by a trawler.



CAPT. SMITH.

story, is called "The Rover," and deals with an episode in the blockade of Toulon in 1803.

The other, which has as yet no name and will be a full-length book, is concerned with the Mediterranean at the time of Napoleon's exile to Elba in 1814. This is what the Press is calling the "Napoleonic novel," but as a matter of fact, although Napoleon does appear personally and though he is always in the background, yet he is not the centre of the story.

Mr. Conrad leads not exactly a secluded life, for he sees many friends from time to time and has usually someone staying over the week-end, but a very quiet one. Both he and his wife are more or less incapacitated from getting about much—she through an injured knee and he through his gout—and they are generally at home.

Mrs. Conrad, like her husband, knows how to make a visitor welcome, and even a stranger is soon absolutely at ease in that delightful household.

Mr. Conrad is a man of no particular hobbies, if you except his abiding interest in humanity (he feels deeply what happens in the world, a genuine sentiment qualified by irony), his love of fine literature, and his passion for the sea. He collects nothing; his study is full of books, but only by chance are they first or fine editions.

In politics his chief concern is with Imperial and foreign affairs, and he is a keen student of the inter-relations of the European States, of the underlying reasons of great changes, and of the development of institutions and opinions.

NOTABLE BOOKS.

Joseph Conrad was educated at Cracow. Through his father, who was a political exile, he became familiar in childhood with classical English literature. Joseph Conrad was naturalised in England in 1884, and took his master's certificate. In 1894 he was advised by Mr. John Galsworthy to offer his first novel for publication, and on the recommendation of Edward Garnett it was accepted. Conrad then left the sea, and settled in England, marrying an Englishwoman. He knew no English until he was a young man, and still spoke it with difficulty. His work was thought out in Polish, and mentally expressed in French before it was set down in English. "Almayer's Folly," his first novel was followed by "An Outcast of the Islands," "The Nigger of the 'Narcissus,'" "Tales of Unrest," and "Lord Jim" (1900)—all brimming with sea reminiscences. "Youth" (1902) and "Typhoon" (1903) proved him a master of the short story. In "The Inheritors" (1901) and "Romance" (1902) he collaborated with Ford Madox Hueffer. "Nostromo" (1904), the story of a South American revolution, well illustrated his faculty for making his characters tell their own tale.

The novelist's Slavonic origin shows itself in "The Secret Agent" (1907) and "Under Western Eyes" (1911). Since "Chance" (1914) Mr. Conrad has had an ever-widening audience. Later novels are "Victory" (1915) like so many of his stories, a South Sea yarn—"The Arrow of God" (1919), and "Rescue" (1920). "A Set of Six" like "Twixt Land and Sea" and "Within the Tides" is a volume of short stories. "The Mirror of the Sea" (1906) and "Some Reminiscences" (1912) are autobiographical; and "Notes of Life and Letters" (1921), also helps towards a better vision of the man. By his transference of realism with romance this blending of rich experience with a vivid imagination, his surprising command of English (an unknown tongue to him till 1875), his mastery—if sometimes laborious—unfolding of plot, his psychological insight, his creation of atmosphere, his ironic power, sombre humour, artistic and lyric vein, Mr. Conrad has established himself securely in the very front rank of modern English fiction.

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JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF ARTHUR
RYLANDS LOWE of Victoria in
the Colony of Hongkong Chartered
Accountant deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Court has by virtue of Section 58 of
the Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 2 of
1897) made an Order limiting the time
for sending in claims to or against the
above estate to the 31st day of August,
1924. Creditors and Claimants are
hereby required to send their claims to
the undersigned by the above date.

Dated this 28th day of July, 1924.
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The Share Registers of the
Company will be closed from
Wednesday, 6th August, to
Tuesday, 19th August 1924, both
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By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
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Hongkong, 21st July, 1924.

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Share was paid up on the 15th May
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
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The Transfer Books of the Com-
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By Order of the Board,
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NEAR.

M. H. Ternyuk's Massine won
the Gold Cup at Ascot by a short
head from M. C. Ranucci's Fillbert
de Savoie with Mr. Reid, Walker's
Inkerman two lengths away third.

At the annual conference of the
British Hospitals' Association the
need for a detailed survey of the
hospital situation was emphasised,
and a resolution called for the pre-
vention and treatment of disease
throughout the country.

So dissatisfied were the police
with the stereotyping contests at
Wembley, said Mr. A. Henderson
(Home Secretary), replying to
questions in the House of Commons,
that, acting on their reports, he had
approved of their applying for
further summonses for alleged
cruelty. He could not prohibit the
contests, but he had advised their
suspension until the summonses
had been heard. Mr. Cochran
decided to postpone steering roping
until the summonses have been
disposed of.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin contributes
a foreword to the National Unionist
Association's booklet, "Looking
Ahead," in which is given a state-
ment of the party programme.
First place is given to the
strengthening and developing of
the Empire by every possible
means, with Preference to the pro-
ducts of our sister nations and
partners, as they have given Pre-
ference to ours. In regard to home
affairs, a policy which will give
work rather than relief is urged as
the most pressing need.

Mr. S. Webb (President of the
Board of Trade), submitting, in the
House of Commons, a supple-
mentary vote of £138,264 for the
salaries and expenses of the Board
of Trade, explained that the net
expenditure of the Board for the
year would be about £500,000 as
against £1,000,000 last year,
the reduction being due almost
entirely to war services. The
general position of trade was, he
thought, more promising than at
this time last year, the figures of
imports and exports being a hope-
ful sign. He was not, however,
too optimistic, as trade was quiet
all over the world. Mr. Lloyd
George, reviewing the prospects of
British trade, said the figures of
the last two or three years did not
show the progress one would have
expected. The Davies Report
would produce an atmosphere
which would be good for trade, but
he advised the Government not to
expect it to be a final settlement.
It was vital that this great trade
country should know what the
situation really was, and he urged
the Government to institute an
inquiry. Mr. Webb replied that the
Government had already decided
to have an Imperial Inquiry into
the position of British trade, but
that in regard to export statistics
and possible advantages of British
goods to other countries.

Congratulations received by
the Prince of Wales on his 30th
birthday included a large number
from the Overseas Dominions.
Salutes were fired in Hyde Park
and the Walk, Windsor.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald stated
that Mr. Cummins had arrived in
the United States. With regard to
Mrs. Evans, his latest information,
which was dated June 3, was that
the situation was most critical.

Captain Tufnell Beamish, of
Chelwood Gate, near Uckfield,
who commanded the "Invincible"
at the Battle of the Falkland
Islands and the "Cordella"
at Jutland, will stand for Unionism
in the Lewes by-election. A three-
cornered fight is expected.

Lord Gairford, who presided at
the annual meeting of the British
Broadcasting Company, announced
that the board proposed that as
from July 1 there should be a
uniform licence fee of 10s. Tariffs
would be abolished, and the only
restriction to be retained, and that
only until the end of the year—
was the one against the use of
foreign parts.

Sentence of death was passed
by Mr. Justice Bailhache on
Abraham (alias Jack) Goldenberg,
21, a lance-corporal of the East
Lancashire Regiment, who was
found guilty of what the judge
described as the brutal and revolting
murder of Mr. William Edward
Hall, clerk in charge of the Borden
Camp branch of Lloyds Bank.

Brilliant weather continued to
favour the Ascot race meeting,
which was again honoured by the
presence of the King and Queen.
Their Majesties and their guests
from Windsor Castle drove in
landaus in procession up the
course, amid an enthusiastic
demonstration of welcome from
an unusually large attendance of
spectators.

A rupture of diplomatic relations
was announced by Mr. Ramsay
MacDonald in the House of Com-
mons. After reading letters sent
by Mr. Cummins to the Mexican
Foreign Minister on the subject of
the treatment of Mr. Evans, a
British subject, he held that they
in no way justified the conduct of
the Mexican Government in ordering
Mr. Cummins's expulsion. He
announced that Mr. Cummins
would be withdrawn and the
Legation and its archives handed
over to American charge.

A discussion of Mr. Lansbury's
motion dealing with Mr. Justice
McCardie's remarks during a re-
cent trial would, Mr. MacDonald
said, only add to the harm done in
India by the words of which com-
plaint was made. The form of the
passage referred to showed that
the judge was not informed as to
what took place. Mr. Lansbury,
who expressed satisfaction with
the Prime Minister's statement,
said that no one need underestimate
the harm done by the motion.

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BIRTHS.

COCHET.—At Shanghai, on July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochet, a son.

LAURE.—At Shanghai, on July 27, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Laure, a son.

LILLEY.—At Chefoo, on July 24, to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lilley, a daughter.

MCLEOD.—At Shanghai, on July 30, to Mr. and Mrs. A. McLeod, a son.

SARJEANT.—At Shanghai, on July 28, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sarjeant, a son.

SYMS.—At Brockley, Kent, on July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Victor Syms (Shanghai), a son.

VACHEZ.—At Shanghai, on July 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Vachez, a daughter.

DEATHS.

LUNDBERG.—At Shanghai, on July 29, Minnie Tandya, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lundberg.

PAGE.—At Shanghai, on July 29, Edgar Eric, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. K. F. Page, aged 6½ years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 1924.

SETTLING THE REPARATIONS
PROBLEM.

To-day being the tenth anniversary of Britain's entry into the war, much could be written about the fact that the Allies have finally reached agreement regarding reparations. However no practical purpose would be served in enlarging upon the foolish disputes that have long blocked the path to lasting peace—these, let us hope, now definitely belong to the past. Sufficient then is it this August Fourth to acclaim the fact that a big step has been made towards solving Europe's most ruinous problem, and that it should not be long now before the trouble is cleared away altogether. Chief credit for this splendid result is given to Britain's Premier, who has, in M. Herriot's words, shown himself a great statesman. Certainly the task before Mr.

Ramsay MacDonald was difficult enough. He had to find a formula that would reconcile the conflicting demands of the bankers and the interests of France. The bankers refused to accept the guarantee proposed for the \$40,000,000 loan which the Dawes report held essential for Germany's financial recovery, without which any reparations plan must fail. These guarantees provided that the Reparations Commission should decide when Germany had committed a default and should impose sanctions as a penalty. France, on the other hand, insisted that the Reparations Commission should have the deciding voice. To follow any other course than this would be to tear up the Versailles treaty and deprive France of her rights. Here was a deadlock which for a time it seemed nothing could solve and the failure of the London conference was generally predicted. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as the dominating personality of the proceedings has, however, succeeded in turning defeat into victory. Under the agreement which the Allies have now reached when a German default is reported under the Dawes scheme the matter is to go before the Reparations Commission with an American member added. If the Commission does not reach a unanimous decision, any of the commissioners may appeal within eight days to an arbitral tribunal consisting of an American president and two other independent and impartial members, whose decision will be final. The members of the Tribunal will be nominated for five years by the unanimous decision of the Reparations Commission, or, failing that, by the President of the World Court at the Hague. There can be no question as to sanctions unless a default is decided through this machinery. Once a default is registered the Allies will confer as to the nature of the sanctions and the method of effective application. The service of the loan of \$40,000,000 to Germany is to enjoy absolute priority. Thus has the chief stumbling block to allied agreement been removed and the path cleared for the German delegates to visit London to-day. As the French Premier has said, it is now for Germany to show herself as being equally wise and so to bring about lasting peace in Europe. And it is not likely that Germany will fail to grasp this golden opportunity.

Cinema Lessons.
It has long been recognized that the cinematograph can be used to good effect along educational lines. This was vividly brought to our mind at the Star Theatre last night. The first picture "Safety First," one of an excellent series being supplied to picture houses in the Far East and the United States by the generosity and foresight of the British American Tobacco Company, dealt with the frequency of street accidents through the neglect of ordinary precautions by pedestrians and users of rich and wilful disobedience of the policemen on point duty in busy thoroughfares. As the moral of the story is thrown on the screen, in both English and Chinese, its lessons should be especially useful to the hot-headed youths and absent-minded elders in Eastern cities. The next offering was Bavu, described as a mystery film. To some, there may be a mystery in the story. To our mind, however, it is nothing more nor less than a warning to the people of China and other backward nations not to follow in the steps of the Bolsheviks if and when they decide to start a revolution. As Mischka tells the Tribunal, "why replace tyrants by Tyranny." The members of the Tribunal agreed with him, but Bavu, an illiterate peasant, eventually sways the mob to his side by murdering a peasant in cold blood and laying the blame on the loyal soldiers, prepared to carry out the orders of Mischka and the Tribunal. The latter's plan was to obtain funds for the starving by taxing the rich. What follows paints vividly for the receptive brain the story of the last six years in Russia since the first cowardly murder of helpless prisoners. Our indignation and horror arise afresh, making us suspect more strongly than ever that a regime brought into being by murder and rapine cannot

belong to that high order of which its followers boast. It is true that in the film last night, Bavu was depicted as an illiterate peasant, but as the story proceeds one realizes that he had only one idea in his mind—to enrich himself and clear out of the country at the earliest opportunity. Many have said that the Russian peasant was to blame for the numerous brutal murders committed, but this lust for blood did not commence with him. There were cases innumerable in which even rich landed proprietors lived at peace with their peasants, until the thought of killing was transmitted to them through leaders in the towns like Bavu. This film has a lesson for those who care to take it to heart.

Charity And Traffic.

While we do not disapprove of the "drives" through Hongkong's streets to raise funds for flood relief in the neighbouring province, we would draw the attention of organisers to a point which might have escaped their notice. Without the slightest hesitation do we commend their worthy motives. Members of the processions command our admiration for their energetic marches for hours, regardless of sun or rain. But cannot better means be devised for attracting attention than a continual ringing of brass bells during working hours? An allegation has been made that each of the several societies engaged in the work of mercy are unofficially competing to obtain the highest total. In their efforts to raise all they can, squads of collectors have posted themselves at street crossings and forcibly "held up" rich as in the middle of the road. Hongkong's highways do not permit of queues of rich men halting on the tram-lines till each occupant has paid a toll. To obviate congestion and possible dangers we suggest that the public be left to its own discretion and generosity and that stopping of traffic be discontinued. Further drives are announced. Will those taking part kindly consider our suggestion?

Sir George "DON'T SELL PAISH, AT GLASGOW SHIPS." said we were within sight of the greatest expansion of trade the world had ever seen. He advised shipowners with ships lying idle: "Don't sell your ships; buy new ones." When the boom came the nations would realise that they must act together and take down the tariff barriers.

Hampstead Borough Council has accepted the offer made to them by the Keats Memorial Fund Executive Committee of Larn Bank, once the residence of the poet. This fresh old house and property is a picturesque little two-storey building standing in its own grounds to the south of Keats' Grove. The memorial fund now amounts to £1,500, which will be used for the equipment and maintenance of the house. As soon as the Council have made the necessary arrangements, the public will be able to inspect such relics as books, prints and portraits, and various other possessions, including a lock of Fanny Brawne's hair.

Mr Robert Muir Glen, LATEST of J. Park-villas, WILLS Glasgow, calico printer, left, in addition to real estate and settled property, unsettled property in Great Britain valued at £389,814.

Mr Bryce Muir Knox, of Redheugh, Kilbirnie, Ayrshire, linen thread manufacturer (personal estate) (in addition to real estate) £175,992.
Miss Julia Minet, of 18, Sussex-square, Hyde Park, W. left £2,000 to Girton College, Cambridge, £1,000 to George Buckton Browne, of 80, Wimpole-street, for purposes known to him, £1,050 in various other "charitable" bequests, and, after other bequests, the residue, which would appear to amount to over £25,000, equally between the Charity Organisation Society and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel £53,999.
Mr. David Villiers-Meager, of The Rectory, Oswich, Glamorgan, barrister £28,640.
Mr. William Herbert Woodruff, of 6, Stratford-place, W., and Bexhill, Sussex £26,205.
Danie Fannie Retherstonhaugh Holroyd, of Weybridge, Surrey £23,361.
Miss Clara Jane Paget, of 2, West-street, Leicester, left £750 to Leicestershire charities £20,695.

Current Comment.

(Advice in Abundance.)
Nothing is more freely or prodigally given than advice. Much of it is sought and invited, but experience tends to convince those who offer or give it that it is not very often followed. With the close of the commencement season in American schools and colleges an

ambitious compiler might with ease collect material for many volumes of addresses to graduates. Just how valuable a contribution these would comprise cannot be easily estimated. But the tendency is to believe that these commencement-day orations are, for the most part, of a quality or value comparable with those addresses already in course of preparation, which will be delivered throughout the United States on Independence Day, soon to be generally observed. They are made to fit the mood of those who listen. They are seldom highly inspirational, infrequently particularly instructive, and usually tedious and uninteresting. For the most part they serve as vehicles for the expression of the personal opinions or theories of the selected speakers. These, except in rare instances, are not valuable.

But occasionally, writes the editor of the "Christian Science Monitor," a bright and illuminating light is revealed at such times. The vision of a commencement-day orator occasionally is cleared by the "opportunities" presented or by the conditions which have combined to bring into contact those ready to listen appreciatively and one prepared to talk wisely and sensibly. The graduate from school or university gains a distorted concept of his own relation to society if he is told and made to believe that he has received a patent which assures him success in whatever undertaking he chooses to enter. His equipment is valuable only in the degree that he is able to apply it in doing his part of the work of the world. His experience is not in the past. It is before him, the world still unmeasured. Therefore it is the wise and considerate orator or teacher who, rich in the experience gained by conscientious service in the market, draws from this wealth at such a time and shares with those who listen what he has learned.

There is no royal road to true success. On the broad highway leading thither there are many who appear to be riding comfortably and securely astride their favourite hobbies or seated in vehicles constructed after their fancies, or perchance, who are being carried, as it were, in the arms of others who sustain and support them. But beyond the high road and the goal there must be traversed a path along which all who progress thus far must walk alone, unaided, except by that strength and forbearance which only the tried and the courageous possess. In that experience much that the commencement-day orator may have said will be forgotten. The rougher places may be avoided by those who have heeded timely and wise warnings which previous toilers along the route who have learned by experience may be thoughtful enough to give. But at the end of the course there is nothing save that which the traveller himself brings.

To-day's Poem.

(Old Men.)
"Gallantly we fell in love.
When we were young, when we were young!
Gay the glory of our dreams,
The songs we sung! The songs we sung!
Now we are old and love no more,
O drab the days, O drab the days!
No sun, no moon, no stars there be,
To light our ways, to light our ways!
Drear our lot, but what avail,
To weep on it, to weep on it?
Alack! There's nothing left to do,
But sleep on it, but sleep on it."
—P. H. Coke.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

AUGUST 4.
1800. Rain in the night: I tied up scarlet beans, nailed the honeysuckles, etc., etc.
—Dorothy Wordsworth.

A SOUND PROVERB.

Fair and soft goes fast.
Slow fire makes sweet-malt.
To be merry and wise is a sound proverb.
—Scott in Quentin Durward.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

August 4.—Coronet Theatre; "Where The Pavement Ends."
August 4.—The Star Theatre; "Bavu."
August 4.—World Theatre; "High Speed."
August 4.—Queen's Theatre; "Kisses or Handicuffs."
LAND SALE.
August 5.—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot Crown land at Shamshui-poi 8 p.m.
COMPANY MEETINGS.
September 16.—Extraordinary general meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at the

Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, noon.
October 3.—Second meeting of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co's Office, Pedder Street, noon.

October 18.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at the Registered Office of the Company, 20 Des Voeux Road, Central, noon.

October 20.—Third meeting of The China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., at Co's Office, Pedder Street, noon.

November 5.—Further extraordinary meeting of Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., at 20 Des Voeux Road Central, noon.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Senor Zanni, the Argentine flier, has reached Karachi.

The British Rugby team drew with Transvaal, twelve points each.

M. Rakovsky, says Reuter, has returned to London and resumed negotiations.

A Havana message states that a presidential decree orders compulsory inoculation against typhoid throughout Cuba.

A P. W. D. coolie, knocked down by a motor car in Stubbs Road yesterday, was taken to Hospital. The car (number 454) belongs to the Hongkong Hotel Garage.

Two robbers entered a house in Sai-Wan-Ho on Saturday afternoon and stole two bangles from an inmate. One of the robbers was armed with a revolver.

Tenders are being invited for the construction of a covered service reservoir and contingent works at Piper Hill, above Cheung Sha Wan in connection with the Shing Mun Valley Water Works Scheme.

Three men entered 25, Tai Wing Street, Sai Wan Ho, on Saturday at 4.30 p.m., one armed with a revolver. One girl of 14 and a visitor were on the premises, and the robbers got away with a gold-mounted bangle value \$30. Later a man was arrested on suspicion at the Ming Yuen Gardens.

Tenders are being invited for alterations to the General Post Office. The work consists of enlargement of the Closed Mails Section, the enclosure of the present mails entrance, the construction of two truck doors, the installation of two goods, and one passenger lift and the construction upon the first floor of a large public office.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Among the passengers who arrived from England by the "Sarpedon" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. L. C. F. Bellamy. Mr. Bellamy has come out from Liverpool to take up the appointment of General Manager of the Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd., in succession to Mr. W. E. Roberts who is shortly leaving the Colony to take up an appointment in London.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Oliver Robert Coates, British Consul in China, son of the late Robert Coates, J.L.D., and Mrs. Coates, and Marjorie Wycliffe youngest daughter of Canon and Mrs. A. F. Russell, Dalethorpe, Deddly, Essex.

On the occasion of his approaching transfer to another port, British residents at Changsha are presenting Mr. L. Giles, H.M.'s Consul, a solid silver tea service on his completion of 25 years in the Consular service of which a little less than a third has been spent in Changsha.

Lieutenant I. M. N. Mudie, late of the destroyer "Vendetta," and Lieutenant J. G. Henderson, from the battleship "Benbow," will command the two motor-launches which are being sent to China for service on the Yangtze river, Nos. 307 and 519. The river gunboat "Moth," which was temporarily Commissioned for the West River with ratings lent from the "Despatch," will be recommissioned this month with a new crew from England.

His Excellency Sao-ke Alfred Sze, Chinese Minister at Washington, arrived at Southampton on June 25. He was to be partly in London and partly on visits to Ireland and other places till the middle of July, when he intended to proceed to the Continent, returning to London about August 1, and sailing back to the United States on August 5. One of the objects of his visit is to arrange for the entry of his second son at one of the public schools in England. His eldest boy, now at Winchester, is doing well and intends to take up medicine for his profession. Mr. Sze while in London stayed with Sir James Cantile.

CORRESPONDENCE.

APPEAL FOR HELP.

[To the Editor of the China Mail.]

Sir—While passing along Seymour Road yesterday I found an old woman weeping bitterly on the roadside. Though she beat her breast incessantly her eyes were dry. She must have poured out all her tears to the silent air the night before. She unfolded, on my enquiry, a pitiful story, between tearless sobs. A Christian native of Wai-chow (I think that was the name she gave) fifty of her eighty years had been spent in widowhood, rearing an only son to manhood. Her years of patient toil had been rewarded with a Christian home, a few acres of land and some cattle. "Not contented with taking all my cattle," the soldiers came and rushed a long knife right through my good boy's throat before my very eyes." Then resuming calmly she related how the soldiers, saying she was too old to be of use to friend or foe, left her to face the blank and bitter future. The Catholic Fathers, she said, adding with fresh sobs, "They told me that my son had gone to heaven. But why did he not take me with him?" Then came the floods and carried away all her crops and her house—the labour and savings of sixty long years. To make her lot more unbearable her daughter-in-law deserted her, leaving her with two little ones and poverty. In answer to my question, she said that at present the police have kindly allowed her to stay in the cellar (or back lane I am not quite sure) of the Police Station opposite to the Sailors' Home. There she deposited her grandchildren while she went out to fight her battles all over again.

This briefly is the story of a Christian widow, an ideal mother, and a faithful wife. I was ashamed at my own helplessness at the moment. What can one still in his teens do? My friend gave her some money and I promised that I would place her case before you, knowing that you, Sir, as the medium of public opinion, would give this wide publicity and so bring it to the notice of our public workers, in order that something might be done to comfort this brave woman in her declining years, so that her grey hairs might not go down with sorrow into the grave. During the whole of the time she spoke to me not one word of complaint escaped her trembling lips. We have not to go very far to help these helpless ones. I would suggest in this connection that in Hongkong we should have an Emergency Bureau to help people who are the victims of war, pestilence, famine and flood—victims, usually old and helpless for whom, even their dearest and nearest have ceased to care.

Yours,

"HUMANIS"

Hongkong, August 4.

WOMEN WORKERS.

TO FORM GUILD.

It has been decided to form a Guild for Women Workers at St. John's Cathedral. The objects of the guild are as follows: (1.) To further the influence for good of the Cathedral in any way that may appear possible. (2.) To undertake the care of the Cathedral, its altars, plate, brasses, linen, furniture, cassocks and surplices and to provide and arrange the altar flowers; to arrange for Sunday School teaching and visiting the sick. (3.) To endeavour to find out and welcome people who have newly come to the Colony. (4.) To deepen the spiritual life of the members. It was agreed to hold the inaugural meeting early in October, and meanwhile to enrol members. The following were elected temporary officers of the guild: President, Lady Pollock; Vice-President, Lady Severn; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Black. The Hon. Secretary will be glad to give full particulars to those desirous of joining.

ON POINT DUTY.

During the last two or three days most of the contingent of Shanghai police, who arrived in the Colony recently, of whom forty were posted to Central Station, have been seen in the streets receiving instruction in "point duty." Under the guidance of Sikh colleagues they are being initiated into the intricacies of directing the Colony's motor and other traffic and, as far as has been seen, are proving ready pupils.

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NEW PREMISES OPENED
ON SATURDAY.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

Saturday was a day of rejoicing for the members of the Dockyard Recreation Club, when their long desired new Club premises were opened by the President, Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N. The presence of the "Flying off" pennant flying from the steps at the Old Club on Friday was the Advance Guard to the opening ceremony. Tastefully decorated for the occasion, the New Club room was taxed to its utmost. The Chairman, Mr. J. S. Gillingham, opened the proceedings with a few well-chosen words, after which he called upon the President, Commodore Grace, to open the Club. It gave him great pleasure, said the Commodore, to open the new premises of the Naval Yard Recreation Club. The Club, which was formed many years ago, had grown to such large proportions in regard to members that the Old Club was unsuitable and too small. He revealed not only his own ideal of what a social Club means, but also showed his sympathetic understanding of what social Club life is really standing for to-day—especially in Hongkong. The Commodore concluded his opening speech by drinking to the success of the new Club.

"A Frame Up." Then, partnered by Mr. E. Newnam, he took part in "A Frame Up" of snooker against Mr. J. S. Gillingham and Mr. F. K. Brown, the former winning by 2 points.

The Concert. Next followed a musical programme which was of a varied and entertaining order.

The new Jazz Band (the "Nomads"), under the leadership of Mr. R. Francis, produced some very exhilarating music. This talented body of musicians must be personally heard to be adequately appreciated. Mr. T. Bersey, a tenor, rendering "Tommy Lad" was well received.

Mr. H. J. Lockhart, well known local contralto, was popular in "My Dear Soul" and had to respond. Mr. A. B. Allan, an old hand at comic songs, greatly amused the audience with "The Egg."

Miss W. Fleming, a newcomer to the Colony, possesses a fine soprano voice, and accompanied by her husband, was heard to best advantage in the rendering of "The Magic of Your Voice." Mr. C. Olive gave a few selections from his extensive repertoire. Mr. R. Francis, next lent a touch of variety in a "Banjo Solo" which was a great success. Another newcomer to the Colony, Miss W. Littleton, displayed considerable understanding as a soprano, her rendering of "Queen of Angels" was excellent. Miss A. Littleton accompanied her sister. The audience detected a budding "Lafayette" in Mrs. J. S. Gillingham, his skill in manipulating a pack of cards places him in a class by himself.

At the conclusion of the proceedings, the Rev. G. C. Howard, well-known for his wit, nicely balanced the programme with humorous yarns and musical monologues.

The piece-de-resistance, however, was a song by Commodore Grace, thoroughly enjoying himself, as he sang "Twilight," with quavering chorus it went with the utmost gusto.

"Three little Poems" by Mr. Herbert Amis, a local tenor of no small ability, was well received, whilst Mr. Woodward, in a "Bachelorette" song, had the desired effect on the company, everyone joining in the chorus.

At the conclusion of the programme, three hearty cheers were called for by the Chairman for the Commodore, who also extended a hearty vote of thanks to all the artists and members of the Committee who had helped to bring about one of the best social evening successes in the history of the Club.

Mr. A. Hake at the piano was of considerable help to the artists.

General regret will be felt that Commodore Grace is to leave us before the end of the year. Captain A. J. B. Stirling, C.B., arrives in December to relieve him.

Admiral Sir Charles Dundas of Dundas, K.C.M.G., retired, whose death is announced, had a long career in the Navy. He was the third son of Commander Adam Alexander Dundas, R.N., J.R., Chief of Dundas, and Charlotte, daughter of Admiral Charles Hope. Born on August 9, 1850, he entered the Navy in July, 1872, and his first ship, which he joined in 1874, as a cadet, was H.M.S. "Audacious" flagship in China. After service at the Cape from 1905 to 1908, he commanded H.M.S. "Ocean" battleship. He then went to Tokyo as Naval Attaché, and while there was promoted Rear-Admiral in July, 1910. At the Coronation of King George in 1911 he was attached to the British Royal Household.

HOLIDAY WEATHER.

PICNICS AND SPORT.

TRIPPERS FOR CANTON.

Except for the proximity of a typhoon which caused the No. 1 local signal to be hoisted yesterday and the fact that it is rather too warm to-day, Hongkong has been favoured with what could almost be described as ideal weather for August Bank Holiday.

Saturday saw a large exodus of trippers for Macao, people either going to visit relatives or others in our sister Colony. Taking advantage of to-day being a public holiday a good many went to Canton this being instanced in the additional boats which left on Saturday night. Passengers included a number of women going to attend the Festival of the Seven Virgins on Wednesday.

There was the usual quota of sport on Saturday and, of course, the average number of bathing parties which explored the Colony's well-known beaches. To-day, it is believed, there are one or two unofficial matches to be played off.

Yesterday's typhoon signal probably deterred some from bathing picnics to the more remote localities but amends ought to be made to-day. The typhoon which was last reported by the Observatory to be within the 300 miles radius happily has taken a rather sudden turn to the East and at eleven o'clock this morning was believed to be in the Formosa Channel. This means that it is now still further from the Colony. Present indications are that the weather will be fine and that the typhoons have been sensible enough to travel away from us.

FLOOD RELIEF.

HONGKONG AND MACAO
SEND HELP.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The 5th relief mission of the Kwangtung Merchants Volunteer Corps to the flood sufferers in Canton Delta last week was joined by the Tung Wah Hospital and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce of Hongkong, which will henceforth co-operate with the Canton volunteers in this service, according to an official notice just issued. The Hongkong Chinese have been contributing liberally towards flood relief. The remittances to Canton include \$20,000 from the Tung Wah Hospital, \$5,000 from the Hongkong Chinese Exchange Shop Guild, \$5,000 from Hongkong Sheung Yip-tung Chi Kung-wai, besides several thousand sacks of rice shipped by the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. The Hongkong Chinese in the postal service have contributed a consignment of rice, biscuits, sweet potatoes, dried vegetables, and other supplies useful to flood sufferers, while the Chung Sing Amateur Theatrical Association and others have sent over \$20,000 to Canton. The \$50,000 from the Hongkong Government will probably go to the relief service now directed by the Canton Volunteer Corps and the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the Tung Wah Hospital. The Volunteer Corps has also been handling funds sent by the Chinese in Macao. The Macao Chinese Ching Wu Athletic Association has contributed \$2,200. Dr. Sun Yat-sen has ordered his mercenaries not to interfere with supply junks for flood relief.

THE WICKERSHAM CASE.
ANOTHER REMAND.

A week's formal remand was granted at the Central Magistracy this morning in the case in which David Belknap Wickersham, an American subject of 2 Tramway Path, appeared on remand to answer a charge of publishing a false statement in connection with which firm he is the President.

Mr. N. I. Brewer appeared for the defendant and Mr. J. H. B. Nihill is prosecuting.

FIERCE ASSAULT.
COMPLAINANT IS NOW IN HOSPITAL.

Chan Sang, a passenger on the s.s. "Hong Wha" was charged at the Kowloon Court to-day with maliciously wounding a fellow passenger named Li Hing whilst on the voyage from Swatow to Hongkong with intent to rob him. The complainant is now under treatment in the Government Civil Hospital suffering from 47 wounds. Defendant was arrested on the ship's arrival in the harbour this morning. The case was remanded until Monday next pending the complainant's recovery.

GERMAN DELEGATES.

LEAVE FOR LONDON
TODAY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, August 3.

The German delegation is going to London on Monday, headed by



Herr Marx, Herr Stresemann and Herr Luther, accompanied by representatives of Russia and Bavaria and numerous experts.



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S.S. "TUNG ON."

SUCCESSFUL TRIALS ON SATURDAY.

OWNERS' CHARITY PLAN.

As mentioned briefly in Saturday's issue, the steamer "Tung On" which is the latest addition to the ships on the Hongkong-Canton run and the first river boat in South China to be fitted with wireless, underwent her trial run that day.

She went out of the harbour by way of Capsunim and proceeded to Castle Peak where she steamed for about six hours at a speed of 14 knots, returning at 4.30 p.m. A number of marine engineers and others interested were present and expressed themselves as satisfied with the trial.

On Saturday, August 3, the "Tung On" will leave the Leung Wing wharf, Connaught Road, at the usual hour, for Canton and return on Sunday. The owners are turning over the gross earnings for the first two trips to the Tung Wah Hospital for allocation to the Canton flood relief. On Saturday the ship will be thrown open to public inspection during the day.

The "Tung On" has been built by the Taikeo Dock Co. to the order of the Tung On S.S. Co. of Hongkong. A sister-ship, the "Sai On" has been launched and is in course of completion. She will also take to the Hongkong-Canton run shortly.

SACRILEGE ALLEGED.

COFFIN WOOD FOR FURNITURE.

STRANGE CANTON YARN.

From Canton comes the story of a remarkable form of sacrilege in that coffins were dug up and the wood used for making foreign-style furniture.

According to our informant a "bannerman," i.e., a descendant of some Chinese who rendered signal service to the Manchus for which they with all their descendants, were made pensioners for ever, has been arrested after having made a profit of over \$10,000 by selling this class of furniture.

It is alleged that the coffins were buried in a cemetery under the control of a foreign mission society but it is not explained how the culprits managed to get the coffins out.

Chinese are faddists in selecting a type of wood for use as coffins and wealthy families have been known to go to all kinds of extremes and expenses in securing the best that can be obtained. Probably where the profits came from was in the wood being so valuable.

SHAMEEN STRIKE.

KEENNESS DYING OUT.

No outward change has become evident in the Shameen strike position. Since the Thursday conference from which much was expected, fell through, mediators have again interested themselves and a meeting between representatives of the two parties is not unexpected.

Strikers' pickets as still active outside Shameen. The strikers' executives have an intelligence bureau which, through some Canton vernacular papers, issues reports of movements of people in connection with the strike. Items such as the following have appeared:—A so-and-so firm has removed its offices from Shameen onto the Bund. A.B.C., No. 2 cook at a certain European household, returned to work for two hours on Saturday. Colonel Crosse went to house at Tungshan to discuss the strike and was there for two hours.

It seems as if the coxswains and engineers of launches and motor-boats belonging to Shameen will not strike despite continued overtures.

No cargo has been carried by the Steamboat Co.'s vessels since the boycott began last week.

SUCH IS FAME!

MISSIVE FROM FURTHEST CHINA.

A bulky envelope containing a long missive in Chinese has been addressed to the "China Mail" by the office of the divisional headquarters of the 4th division, Szechuan Army, Szechuan Province. The address on the envelope is really the "China Mail Western News Society" while the circular inside is "for the information of the Great President, the Premier, the Cabinet and many other people including Generalissimo Wu Pei-fu at Lok Yeung (Loyang)."

Translations of the more important parts of the contents will appear in later issues of the "China Mail."

NEEDED SYMPATHY.

A NOVEL IDEA.

On Saturday, a Chinese who is believed to be a Canton mendicant, jumped into the harbour from the end of the Steamboat Co.'s Canton steamer wharf. He proved to be a strong swimmer and was rescued without difficulty. It is said that the man thought he could raise sympathy and cash by an attempt at suicide.

This morning the body of a Chinese was picked up a little further down along the Praya.

WORLD FLIGHTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 2. The American world fliers have left Kirkwall for Iceland.

The American world fliers Smith and Wade have returned to Kirkwall. They lost their companion Nelson in the fog twenty-five miles from the Orkney Islands.

The third American world flier Nelson has returned to Kirkwall. The report of Lieut. Nelson's return to Kirkwall is incorrect. He has arrived at Harnaford, Iceland.

London, August 3. Nelson covered the five hundred miles from Kirkwall to Harnaford in eight hours nineteen minutes. He lost his companions in the fog shortly after leaving Kirkwall.

The others finding the fog impenetrable returned, but Nelson went on thinking his comrades were above him. An hour later he sighted Fair Isle and then was able to ascertain his position. He next sighted one of the patrol ships which he was able to confirm his course.

The world fliers Smith and Wade restarted for Iceland this morning in ideal weather.

DAVIS CUP.

ANOTHER FRENCH SUCCESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

EVIAN-LES-BAINS, August 3. In the European final of the Davis Cup tennis singles between France and Czechoslovakia, Cocket beat Zemla by 6-1, 8-6, 6-4; La Coste defeated Macenauer by 6-2, 8-6, 6-4. France thus won both events.

Frightening in the Night.

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LONDON CONFERENCE.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, August 2.

A communique states the conference has reached the decisions already telegraphed and adopted the report of the first Committee without discussion. The report of the third Committee was approved after minor amendments. Mr. Dalat represented Dominions, Sir James Allen and Sir Edgar-Walton being unavoidably absent. The jurists have hitherto not decided whether the decisions of the Reparation Commission shall be unanimous or by majority.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has sent an invitation to the Germans expressing the hope that the German delegation would arrive in London at an early date. Appended to the communique are reports of the first and third jurists committee, the substance of which has already been cabled.

The plenary inter-Allied Conference has reached agreement on all points. The terms of the invitation to Germany are now being considered.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has sent the German Embassy an invitation for a German delegation to attend the inter-Allied Conference.

REPARATIONS SCHEME.

London, August 3.

The most important sections in the report of the First Committee provide that if German default is reported under the Dawes scheme the matter will go before the Reparations Commission, with an American member added. If the Commission does not reach a unanimous decision any Committee may appeal within eight days to an arbitral tribunal, consisting of an American president and two other independent and impartial men, whose decision will be final. Members of the tribunal will be nominated for five years by unanimous decision of the Reparations Commission, or, failing that, by the President of the World Court at the Hague.

There can be no questions of sanctions unless default is decided through this machinery, and once default is registered the Allies will confer as to the nature of the sanctions and method of effective applications. The service of the forty million sterling loan to Germany is to enjoy absolute priority.

QUESTION OF RUHR.

The third committee recommends, among other things, that Germany be asked to accept a proposal for the establishment of a committee equally with the allies, the Germans to have the power to decide to be neutral in the event of a difference to ensure the observance of reparations deliveries and commercial contracts. It also provides the machinery to prevent defects in the working of the plan for German payments and the detection of fraud in deliveries through German financial manoeuvres. Provision is made that the Reparation Commission, plus the American member, shall have the right to make any necessary modifications in the Dawes scheme on the application of any interested government, and if the decision be not unanimous or be unacceptable to Germany, the matter will be referred to a court of arbitration as in the case of a German default. It is commonly expected that the German delegation will immediately raise the question of the occupation of the Ruhr and the retention of 4,000 French and Belgian railway men there.

M. HERRIOT PRAISES MADONALD.

Paris, August 3.

M. Herriot interviewed by the London correspondent of "Le Petit Parisien" attributed the success of the London Conference primarily to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald who had shown himself a great statesman. The future would show that their decisions were taken not only in conformity with the interests of Great Britain but that they were likely to powerfully promote the cause of peace. The most complete cordiality prevailed throughout. They felt that peace was now possible and that it was now for Germany to show herself equally wise and to bring about the final re-establishment of peace in Europe.

At an enquiry into the Edinburgh railway accident, the signalman admitted he lowered the signal too soon, thereby leading to the disaster.

Four persons were killed and 20 injured in the collision, which occurred at the Haymarket Station, Edinburgh, when a train to Port Edgar on the Fifth of Forth, ran into a stationary passenger train.

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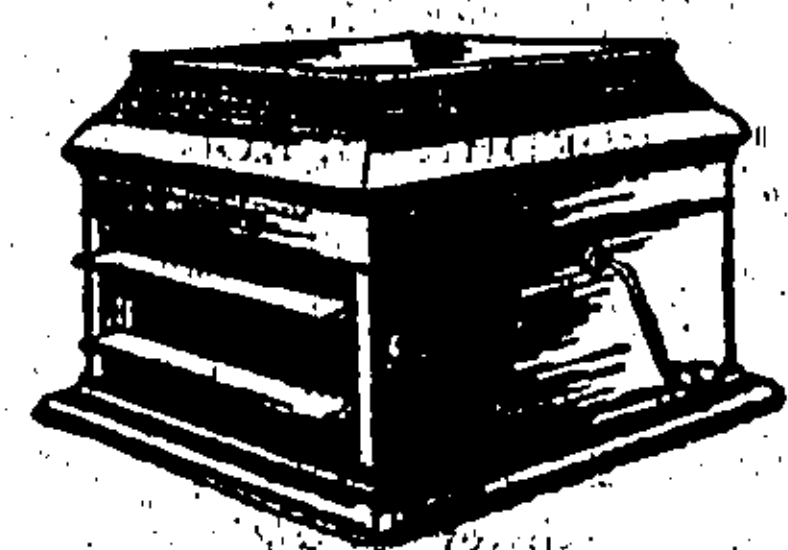
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Tinck, - <i>Ming Pa</i>	50	28
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BOWLS.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS.

Playing at home in Division I on Saturday the Craigengower Club defeated the Civil Service Club by 16 points. Scores follow:—

C.C.C.	C.S.C.C.
Taylor	Cullen
Rosset	Sara
Dennis	Duncan
McFarlane (S) 22	Allen (S) 13
Musket	Smith
Fritz	Gregory
Green	Grimmett
Bradbury (S) 28	Hill (S) 17
Alves	Oswick
Rodrigues	Smith
Fisher	Knight
Basa (S) 16	Mill (S) 20

Total.....66 Total.....50

K.C.C. v. T.R.C.

Playing at home, the Kowloon Cricket Club lost to Taikoo Recreation Club by 9 points. Scores:—

K.C.C.	T.R.C.
J. C. Hunter	J. Sloan
A. O. Brown	T. Grimshaw
W. Goldenberg	R. Wallace
J. Hyde	W. Wotherspoon
(S) 15	(S) 24
H. Overy	T. Bateman
J. Conley	J. Whyte
R. Lamert	J. MacLachlan
J. Gibson	N. Drummond
(S) 15	(S) 18
H. Abraham	T. Young
R. Davis	J. McCubbin
C. J. Trench	G. Morrison
A. G. Pile	A. Hamilton
(S) 24	(S) 21

Total.....54 Total.....63

K.B.C. v. P.R.C.

Playing at home the Kowloon Bowling Green Club lost to the Police Recreation Club by sixteen points. This is the first win of the season for the Police. Scores:—

K.B.C.	POLICE
R. Goodman	L. Whant
R. Forsyth	E. Post
W. Macfarlane	W. Sword
P. Farrell (S) 20	A. Clark (S) 22
J. Kynoch	D. Reid
J. Chapman	W. Murphy
R. Hall	W. Hollands
L. Guy (S) 14	D. Clark (S) 24
A. R. Whibley	W. McLennan
J. McLaggan	W. Glendinning
R. Lapsley	Clark
D. Harvey (S) 16	J. Grant (S) 20

Total.....50 Total.....66

Division II.

Playing at home Taikoo Recreation Club scored a victory over the Kowloon Cricket Club by 16 points. Scores follow:—

T.R.C.	K.C.C.
Muirhead	Heathcote
McKenney	Heathcote
Sloan	Hyde
McLeod (S) 15	Ramsay (S) 21
Crichton	Fletcher
Matthews	Harrison
Weir	Robinson
Grimmes (S) 21	Purves (S) 15
Barker	Hoather
Peterson	Howe
O'Brien	Labrum
Laing (S) 31	Davidson (S) 15

Total.....67 Total.....51

R.H.K.Y.C. v. K.B.G.C.

Playing at home the "Royals" defeated Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 11 points. Scores follow:—

R.H.K.Y.C.	K.B.G.C.
Sellers	Hazel
Ascroft	Johnston
Carpenter	Morley
Shellshear (S) 22	Muir (S) 14
Waters	Smith
Stock	Warren
Watson	Hunter
Edwards (S) 22	Wylie (S) 18
Petley	Cuff
Williamson	Hart
Jones	Pearman
Brayfield (S) 16	McKay (S) 17

Total.....60 Total.....49

I.R.C. v. K.D.R.C.

Playing at home the Indian Recreation Club defeated Kowloon Dock R.C. by 4 points. Scores follow:—

I.R.C.	K.D.R.C.
Epina	Goodman P.
Bur	Dixon
Rao	Panchan
(S) 18	(S) 18
Arnell	Doherty
Madhoo	Hedley
Hartman	Gourlay
D. Raminah	Johnson

TENNIS.

PORTUGUESE VICTORY.

Taking advantage of the fine weather on Saturday, the Club de Recreio and the Netherlands Recreation Club played off their tie in the 2nd division of the Tennis League. The match was played on the Portuguese courts in Kowloon, and the hosts won by 60 games to 39. Scores:—

Hyndman and Silva (C. de R.)	beat Nikkels and Heintz (S. 3:3)
beat de Leeuw and V. Egmond, 6-5	lost to Nolthenius and Groot, 2-9 (45-18)
Osmund and Remedios (C. de R.)	beat Nikkels and Heintz, 8-3
beat de Leeuw and V. Egmond, 9-2	beat Nolthenius and Groot, 7-4 (24-9)
Noronha and Sousa	beat Nikkels and Heintz, 8-3
beat de Leeuw and V. Egmond, 5-6	(21-12). Total 60-39.

The match between the Indian Recreation Club and the Kowloon Cricket Club, in the first division, was postponed until next Saturday, owing to some of the Indian players having taken advantage of today being a holiday, and left the Colony for the week-end. The result of the match will decide the placings in the first division.

So far, the K.C.C. have not suffered defeat, whereas the I.R.C. and the U.S.R.C. have each lost a match. In the event of the K.C.C. losing to the Indians, three teams will tie for first place, which may necessitate a replay.

BAND CONCERT.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Provided the weather holds fine, there will be a band concert in Statue Square between 5 and 7 o'clock this evening. The Band of the East Surrey Regiment will supply the music and seating accommodation will be provided. The programme follows:—

- 1.—Quick March.....The Middy.....Alford.
- 2.—Overture.....The Bronze Horse.....Auber.
- 3.—Selection.....Jolanthe.....Sullivan.
- 4.—Jolly.....Traumbild.....Von Blon.
- 5.—Suite of Spanish Dances.....Moszkowski.
- 6.—Serenade....."Quand tu chantes".....Gounod.
- 7.—The Grasshoppers' Dance.....Bucalossi.
- 8.—Selection.....Half-past-eight.....Rubens.
- 9.—Fox-trot.....Yankee Doodle Blues.

(S) 21	(S) 11
Hyder	Hamilton
S. Ismail	Smith
Kitchell	Keitch
S. E. Ismail	Atkinson
(S) 15	(S) 21
Total.....54	Total.....50

LEAGUE TABLES.

DIVISION I.	P.	W.	L.	P.
Taikoo R.C.	5	5	1	10
Civil Service C.C.	5	4	1	8
Craigengower	6	3	3	6
Kowloon C.C.	4	2	2	4
Kowloon B.G.C.	5	1	4	2
Police R.C.	7	1	6	2
DIVISION II.	P.	W.	L.	P.
Indian R.C.	5	3	2	6
Kowloon Dock R.C.	3	2	1	4
Taikoo R.C.	3	2	1	4
Kowloon B.G.C.	3	2	1	4
R.H.K.Y.C.	3	1	2	2
Kowloon C.C.	5	1	4	2

Shots For and Against.	Shots	Shots
Indian R.C.	281	298
Kowloon Dock	266	137
Taikoo R.C.	181	151
Kowloon B.G.C.	176	148
R.H.K.Y.C.	153	190
Kowloon C.C.	260	290

BASEBALL.

WEEK-END PLAY.

The Portuguese and Filipino match in the Baseball League, fixed for yesterday, was cancelled owing to the latter being unable to place a team in the field.

Saturday's Game.

On the Hongkong Football Club ground at Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, the American aggregation from the Hongkong Baseball Club proved too strong for the Japanese, defeating them by 6 runs to 3. They scored a couple each in the first, third and fifth. In the first half of the seventh, the Japanese made a bold bid for victory. They had scored three runs with no one down and at one period had a man on second and third, which looked dangerous. However, the Americans tightened up and the game came to an end when C. Shank, with a brilliant left-handed catch at short stop, disposed of Ishimatsu.

The American throughout played an almost faultless game. O'Connor in the third inning bringing off a very fine catch when he disposed of Koyama. Clegg, for the winners, pitched exceedingly well except at one critical period in the last inning and he is a decided acquisition to the team.

For the losers, Ishimatsu, the pitcher, was generally difficult to hit, while Fukushima, at third, was repeatedly applauded for good work. The score by innings follows:—

INNINGS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Japanese	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6
Americans	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	6

The line-up was:—

JAPANESE	AMERICANS
Y. Hachijima	C. Proulx
Ishimatsu	Clegg
S. Hachijima	C. Shank
Edo	Ryan
Hayashi	Wilson
Fukushima	O'Connor
Ishida	Harlow
Nishimura	Hogan
Kusano	E. Shank

Umpires: Messrs. Featherstone and June.

V.R.C. FETE.

MR. LYON'S RECORDS.

Fine weather attracted a large crowd to the Victoria Recreation Club swimming bath on Saturday night for the fete, which had to be postponed last week-end owing to the wet weather. The entries were bigger than usual, and in the majority of events, the number of competitors must have been highly gratifying to the officials responsible for the arrangements and especially pleasing to the handicapper.

The sensation of the night was Mr. Lyon's fine feat in breaking the record in the heat and in the final of the four lengths handicap. As usual, the arrangements for the spectators were excellent and little time was lost between events.

A jazz band, under the baton of Mr. Dick Almada, played during the intervals and for dancing after the presentation of prizes by Miss B. George.

Results of Events.

The results follow:—

Four Lengths Hdcp. (Members), 1st Heat:—(1) B. Rasmussen (2) G. Razavet.

2nd Heat:—D. Lyon, D. Laing dead heat first; J. Montalto was third. The time of D. Lyon was 59 3/5 seconds, which is a record for the bath.

Three Lengths Handicap (Boys):—(1) J. Pearne (2) B. Bliss.

Three Lengths Handicap (Girls):—(1) Miss P. Hunt (2) Miss D. Hunt.

Diving for Plates (Members):—(1) E. G. Jordan (11) (2) C. MacKenzie (8).

At the first attempt MacKenzie, Razavet and Montalto with 7 plates each tied for second.

Three Lengths Hdcp. (Ladies):—(1) Miss Blingdon (2) Miss George.

Winner's time from scratch was 58 2/5 seconds.

Four Lengths Handicap Final (Members):—(1) D. Lyon (2) B. Rasmussen. Time 58 3/5 seconds.

Won by one foot in record time.

Diving:—(1) C. MacKenzie (81) (2) N. W. Duck (79).

Team Race:—Rasmussen's team.

Mr. Goeling (Minister of Transport), assured a deputation of representatives of local authorities in Kent, Essex, and Hertfordshire that a tunnel joining Kent and Essex was necessary, and that it must be constructed as soon as possible.

Partially to do away with the threat of disqualification in regard to old-age pensions, as Mr. Snowden proposes, will cost £7,000,000 in a full year. Labour's desire being the total abolition of the means limit, little approval was displayed at the party meeting at which he sketched his scheme.

The hard nerve-exhausting work of the North Atlantic was wearing me out, and I retired from active sea service. For twenty-six years, with very small respites between the voyages, I had sailed as boy and man, winter and summer in small hot climates and cold in small sailing vessels, in a handsome clipper, and finally in steamships (large enough then, but reckoned very small nowadays), and I had had my fill of hard and novel experiences.

Moreover, from the time when I first became master of a vessel, I had saved, and being permitted by the shipowners to do a little trading, as was the custom in those

BEFORE THE MAST.

CABIN BOY WHO BECAME SHIPOWNER.

No one who has ever heard the call of the sea will be able to resist the temptation to read from cover to cover "Sir Walter Runciman's Autobiography." Before the Mast and After, and it will also appeal to a far larger circle, whose interest in the sea is less intimate, writes Archibald Hurd, in the "Daily Telegraph." It is a story of remarkable career from the hawse-pipe of a sailing ship to the quarter-deck of a steamer and thence to the shipowner's office ashore, and finally to the chairmanship of one of our great merchant fleets, the Moor Line. We have in these pages the arresting story of the triumph of character over circumstances, and, as a time when men are being urged to look to the State for their economic salvation, such a record of achievement as that of this graduate of "the old-time sailing ship's fore-castle" may help to check a tendency which, if it persists, must result in the ruin of this community of islanders.

"Sir Walter Runciman ran away to sea in 1859, but not because his home was unhappy, for he had the good fortune to have a father and a mother who, amid the hard struggles which confronted them, sustained none of their high ideals. As a small boy only 12 years old, Walter Runciman became an apprentice, serving as cabin boy, then obtained his ticket as master mariner, and at the age of 22 was still a young captain, without money or influence, when he formed the ambition to become a shipowner. He relates how he confessed his hopes to his chief officer:—

"After lunch one day, when sailing down the Mediterranean with a strong Levant, I sat down in front of the poop to pass the time in making a mat, when the chief officer came beside me to see how it was progressing, and then we discussed amongst other things the rattling down of the main rigging before passing Gibraltar. Incidentally, he said she was in fine order up aloft, and everywhere, and then added: 'This vessel must have cost a great deal of money to build.'"

"I said: 'She must, but I have never heard the amount,' and then I added that the ambition to own a ship like this was never out of my mind."

"Oh!" said he, with a twinkle in his eye and a sceptical shake of his head, "I doubt your ambition will never be satisfied. Anyway, you've got a long way to travel before you reach that point."

"I said: 'You think I am building castles?'"

"Yes, indeed I do," said he, "How many captains do you know that have ever been able to retire?"

"I replied that I was talking about owning a ship, and not retiring, and added: 'Whenever I do, I shall consider your application for the command.'"

"This pleased him, and he hoped that it would come true—and it did. Twelve or thirteen years after he was in command of one of our steamers, which cost nearly double the amount paid for the sailing vessel, to own which he thought was flying too high."

FROM SEA TO SHORE.

As one reads these 300 pages or so, salted with salt of many seas, and telling many a thrilling adventure, one realises the varied romance and adventure which called boys away from their homes in former days, and also of the manifold hardships which they endured. It was a hard life, full of peril, but it made real men.

There are no passages in Sir Walter Runciman's biography which do him greater credit than those which he has penned as a shipowner in condemnation of the callous indifference of many owners, and not a few captains, to the unnecessary sufferings of the men who served before the mast.

"We are enabled to follow stage by stage the remarkable career of a man who was evidently born to the sea, but it is a career which is not unique, as Sir Walter himself is referring to Mr. Daniel Stephens and others, reminds us. Looking back, this seaman-shipowner has no regrets for the career which he chose at a time when most boys in these later days are just leaving their preparatory school. Sir Walter Runciman's school was the sea, and his university the clipper ship. It was a hard life. His experiences in time began to tell on him."

"In the autumn of 1884 my medical man urged me to live ashore. The hard nerve-exhausting work of the North Atlantic was wearing me out, and I retired from active sea service. For twenty-six years, with very small respites between the voyages, I had sailed as boy and man, winter and summer in small hot climates and cold in small sailing vessels, in a handsome clipper, and finally in steamships (large enough then, but reckoned very small nowadays), and I had had my fill of hard and novel experiences."

"Moreover, from the time when I first became master of a vessel, I had saved, and being permitted by the shipowners to do a little trading, as was the custom in those

days, on my own account, I was able by the end of 1884 to settle down in my own house with a small, well-invested nest-egg, and more than half my life still to be lived."

FIGHT ON BEHALF OF THE SEAMEN.

In latter years Sir Walter Runciman, having fought the sea in all her moods, confronting mutiny and outmanoeuvring pirates, as he relates in graphic passages, interested himself in the municipal life of South Shields, became an outstanding figure in Liberal circles in Northumberland, and, entering the House of Commons, had the exceptional experience of serving as a private member while his son, Mr. Walter Runciman, was President of the Board of Trade. Throughout all these years of increasing responsibilities, owing to the steady growth of the Moor Line under his guiding hand, the former cabin boy remained the firm friend of all sailors. You may read in these pages of the creditable part which he took in reforming the Shipping Federation in face of the prejudices of a good many shipowners, and of the manner in which he assisted at length in cementing peace between owners and men to the enormous advantage of one of the few industries which has not suffered from strikes in recent years. He conveys to the reader a moving picture of the struggles of Mr. Havelock Wilson on behalf of the men belonging to the Seamen's and Firemen's Union.

If Wilson had not been a remarkably gifted man he could never have built up and kept together so heterogeneous an organisation. I don't suppose there will ever be known all that he has had to fight for and against within his own calf yard; for over twenty-five years he was at war with the most formidable employers' federation in the world, and ultimately brought most of its members to see that it was better to have him as a friend than as a foe.

The years of terrible strife and work have cost him dear. Though his brain is quite alert, his body is lame, and worn with suffering, and yet he sticks to his job and directs the union's affairs with apparently the same skill as ever, and is closer to speaking terms with the clever and genial manager of the Shipping Federation.

FAITHS IN THE MOTOR SHIP.

It would be to convey a misleading conception of this volume to lay stress on the author's fight for the recognition of the Seamen's and Firemen's Union, or of the part which he took in municipal and political life after leaving the sea. The appeal which these pages make is that they contain a story of the sea before the steamer had arrived to drive the sailer into oblivion. Sir Walter Runciman recalls the contemptuous attitude of the old captains towards the steam engine, but he has lived himself to place orders for motorships. Having tested under every condition of sea and weather the old sailing ships which are now passing away, and having later on commanded and owned steamships of increasing size, he has been sufficiently alive to the trend of events to welcome in the most practical way the coming of the oil age. In his sunset years, he looks back on a life of manifold adventures by sea, and in this volume leaves to those who come after him a well-filled picture which has a wide historical as well as a deep personal interest. He brings his story to an end on an optimistic note: "The romantic appeal of our mother the sea," he declares, "still calls our race." As a shipowner he still believes in the sailing ship as the training place of young men, and his square-rigged apprentices in his square-rigged schooner-yacht Sunbeam, made famous by the first Earl Brassey, but he confesses that, well advanced in years though he is, he may "take to the more profitable plan and acquire traders," in which seamen of the future may acquire practical knowledge of their calling.

"Before the Mast and After," the autobiography of a sailor and shipowner. By Sir Walter Runciman. (Fisher Unwin, Ltd., 18s. net.)

Mr. Wheatley, Minister of Health, moving the second reading of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Bill, said the primary object was to secure continuity in the building of working-class houses. The essentials of the bill were a treaty with the local authorities, and a charter for the tenants. As an amendment to the second reading, Lord Eustace Percy moved that the House could not assent to a bill which met none of the present difficulties, discouraged private enterprise and ownership, tended to increase costs, and threw an excessive burden upon the State and the local authorities, without any likelihood that an adequate supply of houses would thereby be made.

The amendment was defeated by 256 votes to 206, and the second reading was agreed to by Mr. Runciman moved that the bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House. This was opposed by the Government, but on a division was carried by 315 votes to 175.

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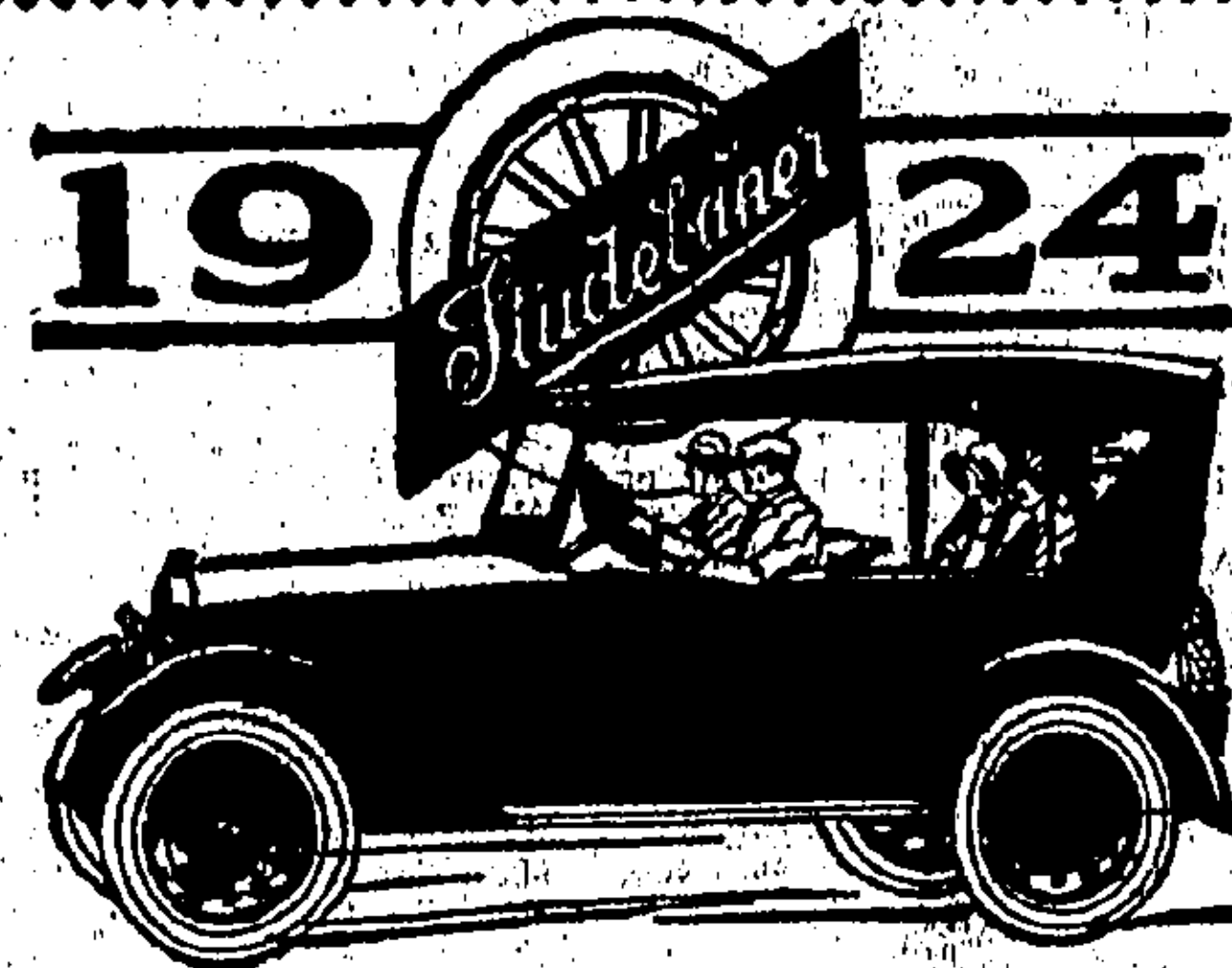
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Surrey	45	70	64.29
Kent	52	90	57.77
Nottingham	40	70	57.14
Warwickshire	34	65	52.31
Somersetshire	47	90	52.22
Gloucestershire	43	90	47.77
Sussex	42	90	46.66
Leicestershire	36	85	42.35
Hampshire	31	90	34.44
Gloucestershire	27	85	31.76

BYFLEET INQUEST.

JURY'S VERDICT.

"SOMEONE IN THE HOTEL"

After an absence of two hours and a quarter the coroner's jury which has been inquiring into the death of Alfred George Poynter Jones, the landlord of the Blue Anchor Hotel, Byfleet, returned a verdict that Jones died from strychnine poisoning, administered by some person or persons living in the Blue Anchor Hotel on Saturday, March 29, with intent to cause Jones's death.

[Jean Pierre Vaguer, a Frenchman, has been committed to the next Surrey Assizes by the Woking magistrates on the capital charge in connection with the death of Mr. Jones.

The foreman added: "We can arrive at nothing nearer than that," and the coroner asked: "You can arrive at nothing nearer than that?"

A nurse followed, during which the Coroner again read over the finding of the jury, and then turning to the foreman said: "You don't say person or persons unknown?"

The Foreman: We cannot say that. We are of opinion that the murder was committed by someone at the hotel, living there at that time.

The Coroner: You are unable to go further than that?

The Foreman: We are unable to go further. We have tested the evidence in all directions and that is the only opinion we can arrive at.

The Coroner: Then I must take that verdict that Alfred George Poynter Jones died of strychnine poisoning administered by some person or persons living at the Blue Anchor Hotel on Saturday, March 29.

Mr. Powell: Do the jury mean by that someone residing at the hotel or someone simply staying there at the time.

The Foreman: Someone living there.

The Coroner: I think it is clear what is meant.

CORONER'S SUMMING UP.

Earlier in the day evidence had been given by Mr. John Webster, senior analyst to the Home Office, who received certain of the contents of the deceased from P.C. Cranford. He stated that on analysis these were found to contain strychnine in the following quantities: Stomach and contents, one-fifth of a grain; liver, one-third of a grain; small intestine, one-thirteenth of a grain.

Traces of strychnine were also present in the other organs, including the brain. The bottle of bromo salts, tumbler, and spoon also gave definite reactions for strychnine. In all 17-30ths of a grain of strychnine were found. A minimum fatal dose would be about half a grain.

Mr. Powell: Did you actually find in the organs of the deceased an amount of strychnine equal to a minimum fatal dose?—Yes, I found that actually in the organs; in fact, I found more than a minimum fatal dose.

Major Watkins, a qualified military interpreter who translated the charge to Vaguer at Woking Police Station, said the Frenchman in answer to the charge said: "I expected it. All the suspicious have been against me, but I assure you that on the tomb of my mother I am innocent, and I will make known to-morrow he who administered the poison and he who had the poison brought."

The statement concluded with the phrase: "Do not put me in prison if you can help, I prefer to die. I am not guilty." On the following day witness attended at the Woking Police Court when the accused in answer to the charge said he would not make a statement then, but would do so at the proper time.

"I have already said too much," he added. "I will see my solicitor before I speak. Will you see the reporters of the 'Daily Mail' and the 'Daily Mirror' and ask them not to speak about as to what I have told them."

This concluded the evidence, but before the coroner's summing-up Mr. Powell asked to be allowed an opportunity of stating that neither the solicitor nor the coroner's clerk who had been mentioned in the statements made by Vaguer were in any way connected with Messrs. Speed and Co., who had instructed him to represent Mrs. Jones. He thought it necessary to make that explanation in order to clear up the confusion which seemed to exist.

In his summing up the coroner first referred to what he described as "the very odd state of affairs which the evidence showed had been going on at the Blue Anchor Hotel." With that he did not propose to deal at any length, because he felt certain the facts had been made sufficiently public already, and that the authorities and the owners of the house would take such steps as would prevent a recurrence of such happenings.

"Such a state of affairs as we have heard of taking place in this house is a public disgrace," added the coroner.

Dealing with the events at the Blue Anchor on the night preceding the death of Mr. Jones, the

COURT STATISTICS.

SUPREME COURT REPORT.

SOME INTERESTING DETAILS.

In his report for last year the Registrar of the Supreme Court, Hongkong, says *inter alia*:—

Original Jurisdiction.—Two hundred and seventy-five actions were instituted in this division of the Court during the year 1923, as against 229 in 1922. The debts and damages recovered amounted to £1,550,436.35 as against \$771,401.97.

Summary Jurisdiction.—One thousand nine hundred and thirteen actions were instituted during the year as against 1689 in 1922. The claims amounted to \$355,439.12 as against \$310,577.34 in 1921, and the amounts recovered were \$127,016.62 as against \$127,916.61 as against \$122,871.85 in 1922.

Criminal Jurisdiction.—There were 140 cases and 209 persons committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions, as against 93 and 130 respectively in 1922. The number of persons actually indicted was 203 of whom 167 were convicted and 36 were acquitted. Against 6 persons the case was abandoned.

In 1922 the figures were respectively 123, 101, 22 and 7. Bankruptcy Jurisdiction.—Seventeen petitions were filed, 9 being creditors' petitions and 8 debtors' petitions, figures for 1922 were respectively 13, 10 and 3.

The number of Receiving Orders made was 7, being 3 on creditors' petitions and 4 on debtors' petitions. The figures for 1922 were respectively 8, 5 and 3. The estimated assets, in cases where Receiving Orders were made and not subsequently rescinded, were \$39,176.02 and the estimated liabilities \$900,254.14 as against \$37,715.55 and \$356,703.00 respectively in 1922.

Registration of Companies.—On December 31 there were 560 companies on the Hongkong Register, of which 35 were in course of liquidation. During the year 87 new companies were put on the Register and 19 struck off. One company was transferred from Shanghai to the Hongkong Register. The fees collected in respect of "China" companies amounted to \$141,512.76 and those in respect of other companies to \$195,183.30. Deposits of the total value of \$3,030,000 have been made by Insurance Companies under the Fire and Marine Insurance Companies' Deposit Ordinance, 1917.

Fees and Commission.—The total sum collected during the year by way of fees and commission amounted to \$60,955.20 as against \$60,488.59 in the previous year.

The coroner said a party was held in the hotel, but so far as could be gathered from the evidence, what really happened was an entire ignoring of the licensing laws except so far as to ask the persons in the bar to go into the back premises. They remained in the back room drinking just the same as before until the early hours of the following morning, some being the worse for liquor and confessing to being in that condition, and one at least sleeping at the hotel that night. The important point to note was that Jones was in the habit after what was termed "a merry night" of taking a dose of bromo salts the next morning.

The jury had to decide the cause of death, so on the evidence of Dr. Carlé and Mr. Webster there could be no doubt whatever that the cause of death was strychnine poisoning. Everything pointed to the poison having been administered in the bromo salts on the morning of March 29. As regards the question of suicide he thought the jury could at once put the suggestion out of their minds. On the other hand, they had evidence that Vaguer bought strychnine under an assumed name. They had the Frenchman with a mad infatuation following Mrs. Jones about, and she refusing to leave her husband to go with him. That, he suggested, pointed to motive for the poisoning of Mr. Jones. As to the position of Mrs. Jones, beyond her admitted immorality with the Frenchman, he could not see anything in the evidence to point to her knowing anything about the poison.

Before the jury retired to consider their verdict, the foreman asked that the statement in which Vaguer said he would "make known to-morrow he who administered the poison" might be read over to them.

After an absence of twenty-five minutes the jury returned to inquire whether the statement made by the Frenchman that he lent £100 to Mr. Jones, which he said Mrs. Jones did not know about, was evidence.

The coroner intimated that the statement could be regarded as evidence.

There was a further lengthy adjournment, after which the verdict as recorded above was given.

CROWN JEWELS.

SEEN BY SIR MARTIN CONWAY, M.P.

The Russian Crown jewels, which have been the subject of many rumours, are not only safe in State keeping but have been displayed before an English M.P.

He is Sir Martin Conway, the art authority and Conservative member for the English Universities, who returned to the House of Commons after several weeks in Russia, finding out how art is prospering under the new regime. He told a reporter that he had visited Moscow and Petrograd and had been given every facility to study art.

When authorised to see the Crown jewels officials brought them and put them on the table before him. "They are well guarded," he said, "and while I was examining them the room was full of people who were unmistakably officials. Their purpose in keeping them? Well, the Russian 'sense' of national property seems to have increased in the proportion that their respect for private property has decreased, and I may say that the people there really think that this property belongs to them."

Art has probably never been thought more of in Russia than today, and not only have they 250 museums, as against 52 before the war, but they are being taken great care of, and are extraordinarily well visited.

The royal palaces and the big houses of well-known people in Russia are preserved as museums and are today just as they were left. There is, in fact, what you would call a craze for museums.

"On the walls, among other pictures, I saw pictures of our King and Queen in the private apartments of the late Czar in the Winter Palace."

"Everything is in the hands of experts, who are always rearranging and improving the galleries. The Hermitage, in Petrograd, must now be the biggest museum in the world. There are, they say, 10 miles of galleries."

As to Russia itself, there are everywhere traces of her former magnificence. There are scenes of stately ceremonial in Petrograd and also there are big burnt-out houses. Russia to-day is like a frame without the picture."

CAST OF ONE.

WOMAN ON THE STAGE ALL THE TIME.

In musical idiom Schönberg's "Erwartung," which has just been produced at the German Theatre, Prague, offers nothing new to those who heard his "Pierrot Lunaire" in London a few months ago.

It is of slightly earlier date, having awaited performance some fourteen years and the disintegration into little bits of sound had not then proceeded so far, but in all essentials it is the same musical language as someone has described as "all fits and starts."

But it is Schönberg's first contribution to the art of the stage. Everyone knew that he would not write an ordinary, common-or-garden opera, for he does not do such commonplace things.

What, then, is "Erwartung?" It is a drama with a cast of one, a woman, who is on the stage the whole time, while one or two simple transformations indicate her progress through a dark forest.

She is haunted with foreboding. She knows that she has a rival in the affections of her lover. There is danger—and much "psychology"—in the air.

Finally she stumbles against a body. "His" he shrieks. Murdered. More shrieks. Unfaithful. Still more shrieks. He stares so that she served up to Salome on a platter. Perhaps that is why we are not shown it here. It is unnecessary since we know it. More shrieks. Much hysterical outpourings. Then subsidence, in which the curtain falls.

Now, despite the morbid nature of the theme, this is theatrically somewhat childish. Not thus are our writers wrung in the theatre. Also it is a little out of date.

Only in German could such a thing be regarded as profoundity, for profundity is a matter in which most Germans are quite naively susceptible.

Yet musically it is interesting. Schönberg, the composer, is far ahead of his collaborators, who wrote the poem and devised the staging. He is a remarkable man, and if we have grown accustomed to his tortuous mode of expression that is not to deny that it has contributed something of permanent value to contemporary musical development. His followers are his worst enemies, for they ask too much of us.

In fairness to a devoted artist who spared no effort in performing an almost impossible task, a special tribute of praise is due to Frau Maria Guthell-Schöber, the singer from Vienna, who sustained the main burden of "Erwartung."

VERTICAL FLIGHT.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF A BRITISH MACHINE.

A British aeroplane capable of vertical flight has been constructed for the Air Ministry and has successfully passed its first open-air trials.

The machine has been built in secret by Mr. Brennan, the designer, in the huge airship shed at South Farborough, where the Gamma, one of the first of the military airships, was housed. The trial flight was carried out at 5 o'clock in the morning in a secluded spot on the aerodrome, with only Air Ministry experts present. Extraordinary precautions were taken to secure the absolute secrecy of the trial. Extra guards were posted all over the neighbourhood. A complete and systematic search of all the land in the district was made. Hedges were examined, bushes beaten, and ditches scoured. Even trees were closely searched, to ensure that they screened no unauthorised person.

HOVERING AT 20 FT.

Only when it was satisfactorily ascertained that no one was in hiding in the precincts of the aerodrome was the Brennan craft wheeled out from the closely guarded hangar.

It rose straight up with an ease and certainty that delighted the experts who were looking on to a height of nearly 20 ft. It hovered for some minutes, and then safely descended. All the time it was under the closest control.

Horizontal flights was not attempted on this occasion. Mr. Brennan is anxious to make certain slight modifications, revealed by the test flight as necessary, before the fuller tests are carried out. Trials will also have to be made in rougher weather than existed at the early morning flight.

The Brennan helicopter, which is entirely unlike any of the foreign machines, is based on the gyroscope principle. The research and experimental work has been going on in secret for some years. The State has given financial assistance to the inventor and the craft is, of course, the property of the Air Ministry. It is understood that the total expenditure involved reaches nearly £50,000.

SEPTUAGENARIAN INVENTOR.

Mr. Brennan, who is an Irishman, born at Castlebar, West Ireland, is 72 years of age. He had achieved fame as an inventor before he turned his attention seriously to solving the problem of vertical flight.

He produced the Brennan torpedo which, in 1880, was sold to the British Government for £10,000—more than four times the largest sum ever before paid to an inventor by the Government. He also invented the mono rail, a gyroscopic railway and the research work involved in that production has been of considerable value to him in the evolution of the helicopter.

CABIN BOY.

Sixty-three years ago Walter Runciman, a small boy, walked along a sandy Northumberland beach. He had run away from home to be a cabin boy. Now Sir Walter Runciman, Bart, publishes his reminiscences in a portly volume after a long life of work and success.

He tells the story of his rise from cabin-boy in a simple, straightforward manner. He tells of a captain whose ship was out-sailed by a Dutch galliot. "What are you swearing like that for?" said the mate. "Swearing like that for?" fished the captain. "Are you blind? See where that galliot is now! That's a fine thing, for God Almighty to give a leading wind to a Dutchman, and let His own countrymen be left on a lee shore!"

Those were the days when captains dressed, when they went ashore, in silk hat, frock coat, and, frequently, patent leather shoes.

"Not much of that exists now," says Sir Walter. "Even City men have lost the art of ceremonious and sartorial effect."

His description of the hurricane of 1878 has the power of simplicity. There are no trimmings. On the last day of the storm, when everyone was worn out, the fiercest tussle came.

Before twelve o'clock that night a great blast fell upon us. It blew the terrible sea flat for a time, and it lasted two or three hours."

But his ship, the Cornwood, of Newcastle, weathered the storm. Sixty years later he left the sea and started as a shipowner. By 1895 he was running 25 steamers. "I am a survivor," he concludes. "I sometimes wonder if anything which still awaits me can be as real as the past. Anyhow, I love the younger generation!"

SIR JAMES OLIVE.

REORGANISED LONDON RIVER POLICE.

The "Evening Standard" learns that Sir James Olive, the Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has definitely decided to retire, and his retirement will take place in the course of the next two months.

Scotland Yard will thus lose one of its most interesting figures and a man who knows more and has served longer with the police than any other person.

Starting life as a drummer boy in the Army, Sir James Olive became a constable in Whitehall, and from that humble beginning reached highest post in the Metropolitan Police.

He has always been known as a strict disciplinarian amongst men, and yet no man in the metropolitan police has taken a keener interest in the welfare of men of the force.

Sir James, who is at present living in Queen's Park, will, upon his retirement, take up his permanent residence in Brighton. Sir James Olive, who was recently knighted, has charge of the administration and organisation of the Metropolitan Police at New Scotland Yard, and has been connected with the force for nearly 52 years.

STARTED AS A CONSTABLE. After serving for some time in the "A" Division as a constable, he was drafted to the Commissioner's Office at Great Scotland Yard, where he remained for a number of years, passing through the various grades, finally attaining the rank of Chief Inspector. During this portion of his service he assisted in formulating a scheme of criminal statistics which is still in operation.

Some twenty-two years ago he was promoted superintendent, and then took over the charge of the police of the Thames Division. After remaining there two years, during which time he was instrumental in effecting a reorganisation of the system under which the duties of the river police were carried out, he was transferred to take charge of the "X" Division, one of the largest and most important in the Metropolitan.

Rather more than five years ago Sir James was selected by Sir Nevill Macready, the then Commissioner, to fill the post of Chief Constable in charge of the north-western district of London, comprising the "R," "N," "S," and "X" Division of police.

Since he became Assistant Commissioner, four years ago, he has invariably been appointed Acting Commissioner during the absences of the Commissioner on leave.

Sir James Olive has been associated with most of the ceremonial and other functions that have taken place in the metropolis for many years past.

His busy official life has not exhausted his energies. His association with the Police Orphanage will always be remembered. He was an original member of the minstrel troupe, and for many years he has been the honorary manager. The sketches which have formed so distinctive a part of the entertainment have for 35 years been the work of his pen.

These entertainments, held in all parts of the Metropolitan Police district during the winter season, have been the means of raising many thousands of pounds for the orphanage, and there is no doubt that many a fatherless child owes its well-being and education to the efforts of Sir James Olive and those who assisted him.

THIEF'S CLIMB.

THROUGH 3RD FLOOR WINDOW.

A jewel robbery has been committed at the residence of Colonel W. H. Wild, D.S.O., in Hyde Park-gardens, W., by a thief who scaled three rain-water pipes running up the side of the house and gained admittance through the bath-room window on the third floor.

In his climb the thief passed the sitting-room on the first floor and the drawing room on the second floor without being seen.

Colonel and Mrs. Wild and a friend left the house at eight o'clock in the evening and drove to the theatre, and it is assumed that the thief, who had been waiting his chance to enter the house, did so shortly after they left. If so, he must have hidden himself, inside the house, as the servants before going to bed at 10.30 visited Mrs. Wild's bedroom from which the jewels were stolen from a case and found everything in order.

Colonel and Mrs. Wild returned about 11.30, and it is possible they may have disturbed the thief, who made his exit by the same way as he had entered. To complete his escape he must have crossed the gardens, although the watchman there, who begins duty at 10 p.m., saw nothing of him.

On the floor of Mrs. Wild's room were found a broken pair of cuff-links, some money, and a short piece of wire such as expert thieves use for opening dressing and jewellery cases.

One man, known to the police as "The Cat" from his agility in climbing walls, waterpipes, or anything else that will give him a foothold, is being searched for by detectives.

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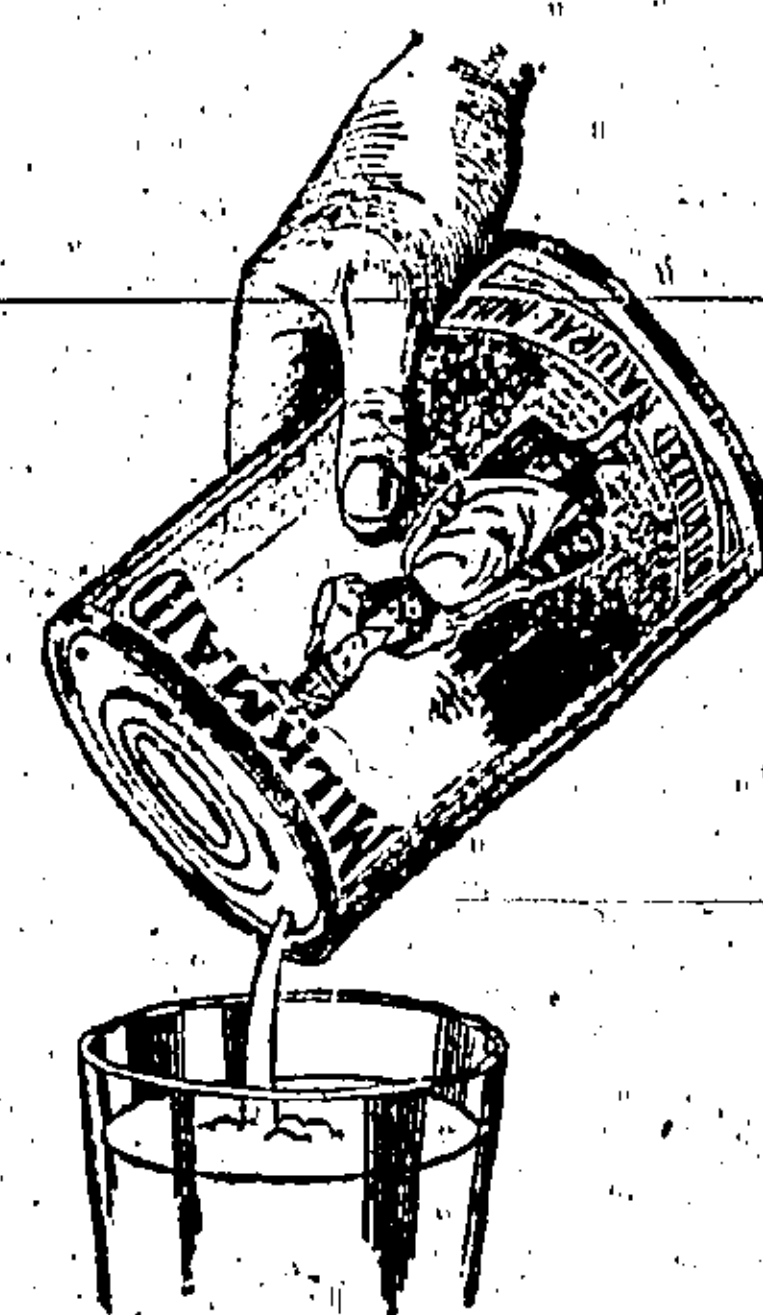
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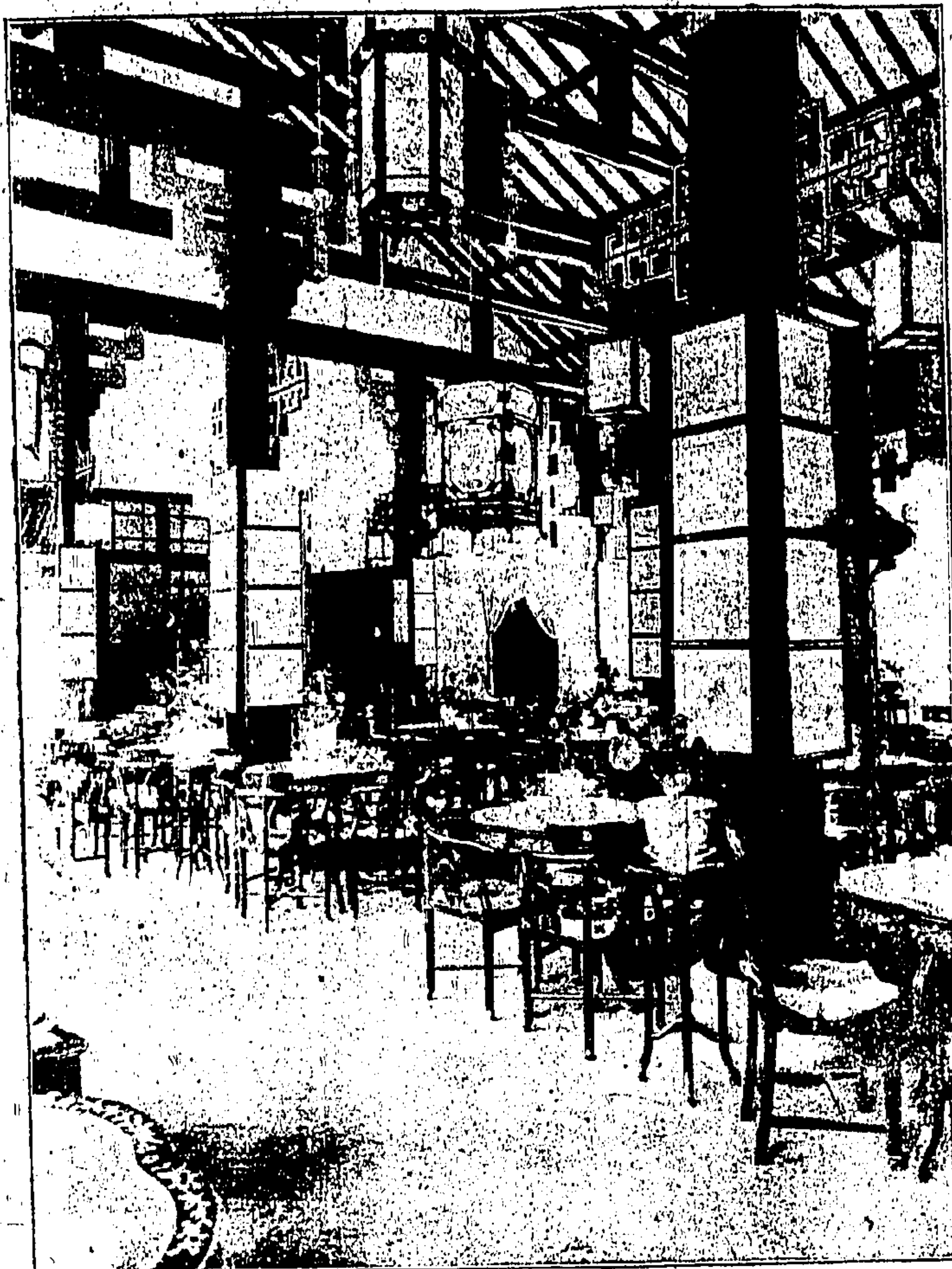
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